

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is response to communication: amendment received on 08/06/2009, with acknowledgement of filing date of 02/03/2004.
2. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, 17-22, 24-29, 32-38, and 41-42 are currently pending in this application. Claims 39-40 have been cancelled (see below).
3. No new IDS was received for this application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brett Schlameus (60,827) on 10/20/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 39 and 40 are now cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, 17-22, 24-29, 32-38, and 41-42 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The applicants have amended the claims to overcome the prior art of record and have also presented clear and persuasive arguments (see arguments filed on 08/06/2009).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON K. GEE whose telephone number is (571)272-6431. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on (571) 272-38113811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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